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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 5, 2010**. A week of warm, dry weather was just what producers in Mississippi needed to begin planting in earnest. Significant rainfall occurred in the North Delta, North Central, and Central districts, dampening prospects for planting this week, but crops have not been adversely affected. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 50 percent adequate and 41 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 4, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	55	23	58	61
Corn, emerged	15	2	30	38
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	8	--	3	2
Rice, planted	10	--	1	3
Soybeans, planted	6	--	6	11
Watermelons, planted	40	38	40	35
Winter Wheat, jointing	68	12	74	77

Crop condition for week ending April 4, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	1	1	10	81	7
Corn	0	0	41	58	1
Livestock	5	12	33	43	7
Pasture	8	15	32	38	7
Watermelons	0	0	0	100	0
Winter Wheat	1	11	33	48	7

Comments

“Most all the preparation for planting is done, and farmers are getting seed in the ground as quick as possible. Wheat stands look great and corn is also doing well.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“We received about one inch of rain over the weekend that stopped fieldwork. Growers have ground ready to plant and are waiting on dry conditions and warm weather.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“There was beautiful weather all week until the rain arrived Friday night. Corn and some soybeans were planted this past week, but for the most part, tillage and burndown were the main activities.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Corn planters were very busy last week with several growers completing their planting. A few growers also started planting rice and soybeans. The rain we received on Friday night will slow activities for this coming week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Warmer temperatures and a little drier weather have stimulated winter forage growth in the past few days. We are still too wet, for the most part, to adequately apply needed nitrogen fertilizer. Pasture and hay field weed control is in full swing when the wind is not blowing too strongly.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Fieldwork progressed well last week. It finally feels like spring has arrived.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“We are still looking for fields that are dry enough to plant the corn crop. The recent rains chased us out of the fields again. We will plant as much as we can and hope the rain skips us this week.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Warmer weather conditions allowed for some drying of fields.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Rain on Saturday night stopped all fieldwork. Some corn and soybeans have been planted, but not much. Growers have ground ready and will plant when they can get back into the field.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Some corn was planted Wednesday through Friday, but 3/4 to 1 inch of rain Friday night stopped everything.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“The ground remained too wet to plant this past week.”

— Romona Edge, Itawamba

“Herbicide applications for winter annual weed control were initiated during the last week. Nitrogen applications to winter wheat were applied.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Warmer weather conditions allowed for some drying of fields.”

— Shelaine Pennington, Prentiss

“Rains and thunderstorms wetted the county. Windy, sunny weather on Saturday and Sunday afternoons have helped dry fields. Planting should start again mid-week.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Good week of fieldwork.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Rains over the weekend will likely prevent fieldwork through mid-week.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“With several consecutive days of dry weather last week, farmers continued fieldwork and planting corn.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Corn acreage is just now being prepared for planting. Ryegrass is growing well, summer grass is breaking dormancy, and gardening is in full swing.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Winter grazing greatly improved.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Blueberry flowers are opening rapidly, and many vegetable crops are being planted.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

“We could use some rain.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 4, 2010													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	79	39	59	58	1	0.88	-0.32	1	2.89				
Cleveland	82	40	60	60		1.25	-0.15	1	2.62				
Lambert 1W	81	39	60			1.17	-0.00	1	2.70				
Tunica 2N	81	42	62	58	4	0.89	-0.44	1	4.19				
Extreme/Average	82	39	60	59	1	1.05	-0.28	1	3.10				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	83	37	58	57	1	1.86	0.57	1	3.98				
Calhoun City	84	34	60	57	3	0.81	-0.52	1	4.48				
Hickory Flat	82	32	57	55	2	1.04	-0.30	2	5.84				
Holly Springs 4N	83	31	58	55	3	0.78	-0.55	1	5.27				
Independence	81	35	58	56	2	0.60	-0.58	1	4.29				
Oxford	84	37	59	56	3	1.06	-0.22	1	7.72				
Extreme/Average	84	31	58	57	1	1.03	-0.30	1	5.26				
Northeast													
Booneville	80	34	56	56	0	0.61	-0.71	2	4.89				
Corinth 7SW	80	35	58	59	-1	0.02	-1.28	1	5.24				
Tupelo 2	80	37	60			0.47	0.00	2	3.83				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	82	35	59	57	2	0.88	-0.52	1	4.70				
Verona	82	36	59	57	2	0.45	-0.87	2	4.47				
Extreme/Average	82	34	58	57	1	0.49	-0.86	2	4.63				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	80	41	60	60		0.00	-1.42	0	1.18				
Moorhead	80	42	61	60	1	0.79	-0.56	1	2.80				
Rolling Fork	84	42	63	60	3	0.75	-0.65	1	2.34				
Extreme/Average	84	41	61	60	1	0.51	-0.87	1	2.57				
Central													
Canton 4N	81	35	61	61		0.78	-0.62	1	4.43				
Forest 3S	82	34	60	60		1.63	0.16	2	6.25				
Kosciusko	81	37	59	59		0.65	-0.81	1	5.34				
Winona 5E	77	33	56	55	1	1.16	-0.25	2	6.81				
Extreme/Average	82	33	59	59		1.06	-0.36	2	6.13				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	80	37	59	57	2	0.00	-1.35	0	2.75				
Columbus	81	36	62	59	3	0.70	-0.60	1	6.41				
Philadelphia 1WS	82	36	61	60	1	1.07	-0.33	2	3.88				
State University	82	39	61	58	3	0.56	-0.84	1	4.02				
Extreme/Average	82	36	61	59	2	0.58	-0.82	1	4.39				
Southwest													
Crystal SPRG Exp	80	38	61	62	-1	0.41	-1.01	1	4.05				
Natchez	81	37	61	63	-2	0.30	-1.23	1	2.14				
Oakley Exp	83	37	57	60	-3	0.47	-1.01	1	3.84				
Port Gibson 1NE	83	36	61	59	2	0.30	-1.15	1	3.29				
Vicksburg	81	44	63			0.48	0.00	1	2.93				
Extreme/Average	83	36	61	61		0.39	-1.08	1	3.10				
South-Central													
Collins	79	38	60	61	-1	1.00	-0.41	1	2.45				
Columbia	83	40	63	62	1	0.76	-0.71	1	2.12				
Raleigh 6N	80	33	60			0.00	0.00	0	2.38				
Extreme/Average	83	33	61	62	-1	0.44	-1.02	1	2.32				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	80	40	61	62	-1	0.76	-0.64	1	4.23				
Laurel	81	38	61	61		1.27	-0.05	1	2.93				
Waynesboro 2W	82	37	60	60		0.00	-1.24	0	2.07				
Extreme/Average	82	37	61	61		0.68	-0.73	1	3.08				
Coastal													
Biloxi	72	44	63	63		0.02	-1.21	1	3.51				
Wiggins	78	-17	55	63	-8	0.22	-1.15	1	1.76				
Extreme/Average	78	-17	59	63	-4	0.12	-1.20	1	3.51				
State	84	-17	60	60		0.64	-0.75	1	3.88				

DFN = Departure from Normal.